F.E. Thompson, Jr.,M.D., M.P.H. State Health Officer Mississippi State Department of Health P.O. Box 1700 Jackson, Mississippi 39215

Dear Dr. Thompson:

In accordance with the Mississippi Code of 1972, Section 41-7-185 (g), I hereby approve the FY 2003 *Mississippi State Health Plan* to replace the Current *Plan*, effective July 1, 2002. I appreciate the work and dedication of the Mississippi State Board of Health and department employees to improve health care for all Mississippians

I look forward to our working together to improve the quality of life for all Mississippians.

Very truly yours,

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